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NATIONAL FOREST RECEIPTS FOR THE
BENEFIT OF SCHOOLS AND ROADS.

(First Revision.)

A certain proportion of the receipts of each National Forest is made available every year for schools and roads in the counties in which the Forest is situated. The first provision setting aside National Forest receipts for this purpose was contained in the agriculture appropriation act of June 30, 1906 (34 Stat., 669, 684). It was as follows:

That ten per centum of all money received from each forest reserve during any fiscal year, including the year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and six, shall be paid at the end thereof by the Secretary of the Treasury to the State or Territory in which said reserve is situated, to be expended as the State or Territorial legislature may prescribe for the benefit of the public schools and public roads of the county or counties in which the forest reserve is situated: *Provided*, That when any forest reserve is in more than one State or Territory or county the distributive share to each from the proceeds of said reserve shall be proportional to its area therein: *And provided further*, That there shall not be paid to any State or Territory for any county an amount equal to more than forty per centum of the total income of such county from all other sources.

The same provision is found in the agriculture appropriation act of March 4, 1907 (34 Stat., 1256, 1270).

The agriculture appropriation act of May 23, 1908 (35 Stat., 251), increased the amount to be paid to the various States to 25 per cent of all money received from the National Forests and further eliminated the proviso that there should be paid to any county no more than 40 per cent of such county's total income from other sources. This provision of the act of May 23, 1908, which is now the law governing all National Forests, is as follows:

That hereafter twenty-five per centum of all money received from each forest reserve during the fiscal year, including the year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eight, shall be paid at the end thereof by the Secretary of the Treasury to the State or Territory in which said reserve is situated, to be expended as the State or Territorial legislature may prescribe for the benefit of the public schools and public roads of the county or counties in which the forest reserve is situated: *Provided*, That when any forest reserve is in more than one State or Territory or county the distributive share to each from the proceeds of said reserve shall be proportional to its area therein.

Under the above acts the amounts shown in the following table have been apportioned to the various States. Amounts paid to Arizona and New Mexico on account of receipts on school-land sections are included from 1910 to 1915, inclusive.¹



¹ See page 6.

Paid to States for road and school fund.

States.	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915
Alaska.....	\$271	\$367	\$2,685	\$2,819	\$4,101	\$9,872	\$11,689	\$13,126	\$14,692	\$11,166
Arizona.....	7,941	17,308	42,631	38,313	51,670	71,671	89,389	110,886	94,129	88,774
Arkansas.....			314	1,587	2,904	3,487	5,709	12,854	9,983	8,739
California.....	8,184	16,064	52,183	47,658	60,753	53,717	62,033	74,542	65,002	67,612
Colorado.....	12,526	15,792	59,761	49,521	50,306	52,372	53,759	54,923	56,340	59,219
Florida.....					706	1,381	2,455	3,250	3,959	2,337
Idaho.....	6,520	19,592	71,423	48,893	66,075	52,594	59,524	78,164	59,228	75,651
Kansas.....	102	119	644	1,173	1,005	919	1,225	1,149	1,208	1,357
Michigan.....						4	6	65	79	198
Minnesota.....				25	457	1,310	1,258	201	539	1,972
Montana.....	5,768	20,655	61,942	78,172	83,678	74,021	59,816	65,238	93,586	79,590
Nebraska.....	790	1,018	2,350	2,837	2,820	3,183	4,076	3,099	1,064	1,401
Nevada.....	24	2,134	4,833	15,989	16,314	12,198	15,086	16,557	16,894	16,244
New Mexico.....	4,673	9,614	25,465	26,770	28,701	39,081	37,909	40,605	43,634	41,098
North Dakota.....					64	72	71	68	75	82
Oklahoma.....	97	126	554	585	626	274	878	673	639	760
Oregon.....	7,586	13,981	32,319	33,121	39,636	35,612	42,560	55,951	61,607	49,676
South Dakota.....	3,595	2,752	8,253	10,501	9,809	14,197	10,565	11,437	14,470	12,988
Utah.....	9,004	13,557	32,681	33,293	32,905	34,869	33,760	34,902	37,601	48,676
Washington.....	1,922	3,732	13,855	16,018	23,672	24,112	31,895	33,110	35,638	37,446
Wyoming.....	6,778	16,221	35,170	34,247	34,705	30,127	30,637	21,341	28,578	43,087
<i>Appalachian States.</i>										
Georgia.....									108	77
New Hampshire.....										137
North Carolina.....									206	401
Tennessee.....									21	94
Virginia.....									613	283
West Virginia.....										2
Total.....	75,781	153,032	447,063	441,522	510,907	515,073	554,380	632,141	639,833	649,067

The agriculture appropriation act of August 10, 1912 (37 Stat., 269, 288), made available an additional 10 per cent of the money received from the National Forests, to be used in building and maintaining, for the benefit of the public, roads and trails within the National Forests in the States from which the money is derived. This provision follows:

That an additional ten per centum of all moneys received from the national forests during the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and twelve, shall be available at the end thereof, to be expended by the Secretary of Agriculture for the construction and maintenance of roads and trails within the national forests in the States from which such proceeds are derived; but the Secretary of Agriculture may, whenever practicable, in the construction and maintenance of such roads, secure the cooperation or aid of the proper State or Territorial authorities in the furtherance of any system of highways of which such roads may be made a part.

Under this act the following amounts have been apportioned from the receipts. The roads and trails thus provided for are in addition to those built from the National Forest permanent-improvement fund, and are intended primarily to facilitate administration and protection.

Road and trail fund—10 per cent of receipts.

States.	1912	1913	1914	1915
Alaska.....	\$4,676	\$5,250	\$5,877	\$4,466
Arizona.....	24,646	29,864	25,359	23,923
Arkansas.....	2,284	5,142	3,993	3,496
California.....	24,821	29,816	26,001	27,045
Colorado.....	21,504	21,969	22,536	23,687
Florida.....	982	1,300	1,584	935
Idaho.....	23,810	31,266	23,691	30,260
Kansas.....	490	459	483	513
Michigan.....	2	26	32	79
Minnesota.....	503	81	215	789
Montana.....	23,927	26,095	37,434	31,836
Nebraska.....	1,630	1,239	426	560
Nevada.....	6,034	6,623	6,758	6,498
New Mexico.....	11,850	12,515	13,497	12,715
North Dakota.....	28	27	30	33
Oklahoma.....	351	269	256	304
Oregon.....	17,024	22,380	24,643	19,870
South Dakota.....	4,226	4,575	5,788	5,195
Utah.....	13,594	13,961	15,041	19,470
Washington.....	12,758	13,244	14,255	14,978
Wyoming.....	12,255	8,537	11,431	17,235
<i>Appalachian States.</i>				
Georgia.....			43	31
New Hampshire.....				55
North Carolina.....			83	160
Tennessee.....			8	38
Virginia.....			245	113
West Virginia.....				1
Total.....	207,305	234,638	239,709	244,315

The act of March 1, 1911 (36 Stat., 961), commonly known as the Weeks law, providing for the acquisition of lands for the purpose of

conserving the navigability of rivers, contains the following provision:

SEC. 13. That five per centum of all moneys received during any fiscal year from each national forest into which the lands acquired under this Act may from time to time be divided shall be paid, at the end of such year, by the Secretary of the Treasury to the State in which such national forest is situated, to be expended as the state legislature may prescribe for the benefit of the public schools and public roads of the county or counties in which such national forest is situated: *Provided*, That when any national forest is in more than one State or county the distributive share to each from the proceeds of such forest shall be proportional to its area therein: *Provided further*, That there shall not be paid to any State for any county an amount equal to more than forty per centum of the total income of such county from all other sources.

Section 13 of the act of March 1, 1911 (36 Stat., 961), was amended by the act of June 30, 1914 (38 Stat., 415), by striking out the word "five" in the first line of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the word "twenty-five."

In addition to the sums before mentioned, the States of Arizona and New Mexico are entitled by the provision of the act authorizing their admission (act June 20, 1910, 36 Stat., 557) to approximately 11 and 7 per cent, respectively, of the gross proceeds of all the National Forests in those States in return for the school sections within the National For-

ests. The provisions of this act relative to New Mexico are as follows:

SEC. 6. That in addition to sections sixteen and thirty-six, heretofore granted to the Territory of New Mexico, sections two and thirty-two in every township in said proposed State not otherwise appropriated at the date of the passage of this Act are hereby granted to the said State for the support of common schools; and where sections two, sixteen, thirty-two, and thirty-six, or any parts thereof, are mineral, or have been sold, reserved, or otherwise appropriated or reserved by or under the authority of any Act of Congress, or are wanting or fractional in quantity, or where settlement thereon with a view to pre-emption or homestead, or improvement thereof with a view to desert-land entry has been made heretofore or hereafter, and before the survey thereof in the field, the provisions of sections twenty-two hundred and seventy-five and twenty-two hundred and seventy-six of the Revised Statutes are hereby made applicable thereto and to the selection of lands in lieu thereof to the same extent as if sections two and thirty-two, as well as sections sixteen and thirty-six, were mentioned therein: *Provided*, however, That the area of such indemnity selections on account of any fractional township shall not in any event exceed an area which, when added to the area of all the above-named sections returned by the survey as in place, will equal four sections for fractional townships containing seventeen thousand two hundred and eighty acres or more, three sections for such townships containing eleven thousand five hundred and twenty acres or more, two sections for such township containing five thousand seven hundred and sixty acres or more, nor one section for such township containing six hundred and forty acres or more: *And provided further*, That the grants of sections two, sixteen, thirty-two, and thirty-six to said State, within

national forests now existing or proclaimed, shall not vest the title to said sections in said State until the part of said national forests embracing any of said sections is restored to the public domain; but said granted sections shall be administered as a part of said forests, and at the close of each fiscal year there shall be paid by the Secretary of the Treasury to the State, as income for its common-school fund, such proportion of the gross proceeds of all the national forests within said State as the area of lands hereby granted to said State for school purposes which are situate within said forest reserves, whether surveyed or unsurveyed, and for which no indemnity has been selected, may bear to the total area of all the national forests within said State, the area of said sections when unsurveyed to be determined by the Secretary of the Interior, by protraction or otherwise, the amount necessary for such payments being appropriated and made available annually from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

The provisions of the enabling act relating to Arizona are substantially the same as those relating to New Mexico. The amounts paid these two States on this account are included in the statement of payments to States on page 3.

